

Weekly Field Memo – July 30, 2014

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Professional Development: Smarter Lunchrooms

Audience: Principals, Business Managers, Superintendents, Food Service Managers & Directors

Join experts from Cornell University's Behavioral Economics & Nutrition Center to learn more about effective and efficient school cafeteria operation and management, as well as strategies to increase participation, move lunch lines through more quickly and to ensure students have the menu items they need for reimbursable meals. This new national training center is working with schools across the country to improve program operations. This is one of several workshops and training sessions available at Child Nutrition Programs Summer Institute. To register or learn more, click [here](#).

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AYP Training: Pathway to School Effectiveness

Audience: Superintendents, Principals

A school effectiveness training for schools and districts that are required to develop AYP plans in the 2014-15 school year will be held on August 14, 2014 at the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier. Invitations and more information will be sent via e-mail by August 6.

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New Staff: Middle School/High School Mathematics Content Specialist Joins the AOE

Audience: Middle School/High School Mathematics Educators

We are so excited to welcome Lara White to the Agency! Lara has been a part of the Mathematics Professional Learning Team this past school year, and a high school math and science teacher at Danville School for more than 10 years. Lara will perform a dual role at the Agency; Middle School/High School Mathematics Content Specialist and School Effectiveness Coordinator. You may contact Lara at 802-479-1364, lara.white@state.vt.us.

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Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS): Weekly FAQ

Audience: All

What is Science and Engineering Practice #7: Engaging in Argument from Evidence? Click [here](#) to see the answer. [Click here](#) to access the science standards.

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